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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims noting the following substantive argument with respect to the references. Claims 1-6, 16-20, 22 and 28-32 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional or continuation application.

Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 8 to thereby obviate the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rao ('525), Natansohn and Savant.

Independent claims 7, 12 and 23 have been amended to recite the use of red and blue wavelengths with polarization components to form a non-volatile storage medium.

Claims 7-11 and 23-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishii ('849). Ishii fails to disclose or suggest a medium that is written and read at about the same wavelength or that use two different light sources to write. This reference also fails to disclose or suggest the formation of a non-volatile optical storage medium as recited in the present claims.

Claims 7, 12, 14 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 103(a) as being anticipated by or obvious over Kawakubo. As Kawakubo fails to disclose or suggest the use of a polymer film

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having the recited non-volatile characteristics, it fails to disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Claims 7,12, 14-15 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fei. The independent claims recite the formation of a non-volatile storage medium to obviate this rejection.

Claims 7-11, 21 and 23-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Jager, Wu (Jan. 1998) or Wu (Feb. 1998) as the independent claims recite the formation of a non-volatile storage medium, the rejection based on the above references is believed to be obviated.


Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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